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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT'S HEIGHTENED
INTERNAL SECURITY CONCERNS; MOVEMENT'S ATTRIBUTION OF
RECENT TERRORIST ACTS TO FAR RIGHT GROUPS

DOI: [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 1989
[REDACTED]

SUMMARY: EVIDENCE OF SURVEILLANCE HAS INCREASED THE FEARS OF THE
MIR/IU LEADERSHIP THAT ONE OF THEM IS BEING TARGETTED FOR
ASSASSINATION BY THE FAR RIGHT IN HOPE OF PROVOKING A VIOLENT
REACTION BY THE RADICAL LEFT. CONSIDERING PCCH AND **FPMR** DENIALS OF
THE 25 NOVEMBER BOMBINGS, THE MIR/IU BELIEVES THE FAR RIGHT CAUSED
THE POWER BLACKOUT TO PROMOTE VOTER BACKLASH. THE MIR/IU PLANS NO
PRE-ELECTORAL VIOLENCE AND PLANS IN THE POST-ELECTORAL PERIOD TO
DECIDE THE MOVEMENT'S FUTURE COURSE.
[REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BECAUSE OF INCREASED CONCERN THAT RADICAL ELEMENTS OF THE
FAR-RIGHT, OR MEMBERS OF THE **NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (CNI)**, MAY
BE PREPARING TO **ASSASSINATE** A PROMINENT MIR/IU LEADER. [REDACTED]
NOVEMBER, [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF
THE MOVEMENT'S POLITICAL COMMISSION [REDACTED] DETECTED SURVEILLANCE
BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FOLLOWING [REDACTED] ON FOOT, AND IN CARS OF
THE TYPE KNOWN TO BE USED BY OPERATIVES OF THE CNI AND INVESTIGATIONS
POLICE. THROUGHOUT THAT DAY AND AGAIN [REDACTED] NOVEMBER, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MEMBER CONFIRMED THE FOOT AND VEHICULAR SURVEILLANCE.
TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ALSO REPORTED
SURVEILLANCE OF THEIR MOVEMENTS BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS. AS A RESULT
OF CONCERN THAT RIGHTIST EXTREMISTS COULD BE PREPARING TO ASSASSINATE
A MIR/IU MEMBER, THE MOVEMENT [REDACTED] DIRECTED ALL
PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT TO MOVE FROM THEIR HOMES AND
INITIATE INCREASED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT LEAST UNTIL THE CHILEAN
NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON 14 DECEMBER.
[REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] THE MOVEMENT'S LEADERS BELIEVE
IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT MEMBERS OF THE **CNI** OR ELEMENTS OF THE FAR
RIGHT MAY ATTEMPT TO **ASSASSINATE** SOMEONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DURING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO
THE ELECTIONS, IN THE HOPE THAT SUCH AN ACTION WILL PROVOKE A VIOLENT
RESPONSE FROM THE MOVEMENT OR THE RADICAL LEFT IN GENERAL. THE
MOVEMENT'S LEADERS DOUBT THAT ANYONE ON THE FAR-RIGHT HOPES OR

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BELIEVES THAT EVEN A VERY VIOLENT RESPONSE BY THE MIR/IU TO ANY POSSIBLE PROVOCATION COULD POSE A PERCEIVED THREAT CAPABLE OF INDUCING MILITARY INTERVENTION INTO THE TRANSITION PROCESS AT THIS LATE DATE. WHAT THE MIR/IU LEADERS DO CONSIDER POSSIBLE IS THAT THE FAR-RIGHT COULD BELIEVE THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT VIOLENT ACTION BY THE MOVEMENT DURING THE REMAINING PERIOD PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS WOULD CAUSE A BACKLASH AMONG VOTERS AT THE POLLS, AND DETRACT FROM THE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR OPPOSITION CANDIDATES, TO INCLUDE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PATRICIO ((AYLWIN))).

3. [REDACTED] THE MOVEMENT CURRENTLY BELIEVES THAT ELEMENTS OF THE FAR-RIGHT OR INDIVIDUALS LINKED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE ARE ALREADY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN COMMITTING VIOLENT ACTIONS WHICH ARE SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLICLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE LEFT, PRIMARILY IN AN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT OPPOSITION CANDIDATES IN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS. A RECENT CASE IN POINT CAN BE FOUND IN THE FACT THAT A MAJOR POWER BLACKOUT EFFECTING A LARGE AREA OF THE NATION ON THE EVENING OF 25 NOVEMBER WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPMR) IN SANTIAGO NEWSPAPERS ON THE MORNING OF 26 NOVEMBER. MIR/IU CONTACT WITH FPMR AND COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) LEADERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ACTIONS RESULTED IN STRIDENT DENIALS THAT THE PCCH OR THE FPMR WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLACKOUT. NATIONAL-LEVEL LEADERS OF BOTH THE PCCH AND THE FPMR CATEGORICALLY DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBINGS WHICH CAUSED THE BLACKOUT, AND REAFFIRMED THAT THE FPMR WILL REFRAIN FROM ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTS OF VIOLENCE DURING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS. WHILE IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE BOMBINGS MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE DISSIDENT FACTION OF THE FPMR (FPMR/D), A FACT WHICH THE MIR/IU HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO INVESTIGATE, IN THE OPINION OF THE MIR/IU, THE BOMBINGS MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE FAR-RIGHT FOR ATTRIBUTION TO THE LEFT.

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] THE MIR/IU WILL REFRAIN FROM ANY VIOLENT ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE ELECTIONS, [REDACTED] THE FPMR AND THE PCCH WILL ALSO FOREGO ANY VIOLENT OR SIGNIFICANT CONFRONTATIONAL ACTIONS UNTIL THE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS WHEN THE POLITICAL SITUATION WILL BE MUCH CLEARER.

[REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIFFICULT PERIOD FROM THE ELECTIONS UNTIL THE NEW PRESIDENT ASSUMES POWER IN MARCH 1990, BECAUSE THE PRESIDENTELECT WILL ALREADY BE CONFRONTED WITH THE NEED TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS DELICATE

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ISSUES SUCH AS PROSECUTION OF THOSE ACCUSED OF HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS. [REDACTED]

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